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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANT IN WORLD CONGRESS OF
PSYCHIATRY

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1. HONG KONG NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER E. I. LEE HAS ASKED
CONGEN TO INQUIRE WHETHER USG WOULD FUND PARTICIPATION OF
ONE HK MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT (HKMHD) PSYCHIATRIST
IN DRUG DEPENDENCE CONFERENCE DESCRIBED REF B. IF S/NM
FUNDS (BOTH TRAVEL AND EXPENSES) WERE AVAILABLE, HKMHD
WOULD SEND DR. W.H. LO, PHYSICIAN IN CHARGE OF HKMHD'S
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

2. COMMISSIONER LEE FEELS THAT HKMHD HAS NOT HAD EXPOSURE
IN INTERNATIONAL DRUG ABUSE FORUMS EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF
HK PRISONS DEPARTMENT AND CERTAIN VOLUNTARY AGENCY
REPRESENTATIVES. LEE SEES HKMHD PARTICIAPTION IN
HONOLULU CONFERENCE AS A MEANS OF GETTING SUCH
EXPSOURE AS WELL AS STIMULATING HKMHD'S ANTI-
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NARCOTICS EFFORTS IN HK THROUGH BUILDING HKMDH
INTRA-BUREAUCRATIC PRESTIGE. ACCORDING TO
COMMISSIONER LEE, NEITHER HIS OWN BUDGET NOR
HKMHD HAVE TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DR. LO'S
PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE.

3. COMMISSIONER LEE PLANS TO MEET NIDA DIRECTOR

DUPONT IN WASHINGTON JULY 7 (REF A) AND REQUEST
FOR FUNDS WILL BE ONE LIKELY TOPIC OF DISUCSSION.

4. IN CONSIDERING THIS REQUEST, DEPARTMENT SHOULD
BE AWARE THAT HKG PROJECTING 40 MILLION HONG KONG
DOLLAR BUDGET SURPLUS AT END OF
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.
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